



Proclamation

WHEREAS, The Saint Louis Cathedral is the oldest active Cathedral in the United States, with a continually operating music program from 1725; and

WHEREAS, the first composer to work in Louisiana was hired by the Spanish Governor Bernardo de Galvez to write music for the Cathedral; and

WHEREAS, the legendary nineteenth-century composer/pianist Louis Moreau Gottschalk was a parishioner of the Cathedral and served as a substitute organist as a child; and

WHEREAS, Emile Johns, organist of the Cathedral in the 1840s, was the first music publisher in New Orleans and a friend of the famed composer Frederic Chopin; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Elise Cambon, who served as music director for 62 years, has donated a world-class Holtkamp Organ to the Cathedral of St. Louis King of France, in honor of its renowned history and exceptional contribution in New Orleans musical history,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the state of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2004, as

**Celebration of Music Day
at the Cathedral of St. Louis King of France**

in the state of Louisiana.



Attest By
The Governor

[Signature of Kathleen Babineaux Blanco]
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 20th day of April
A.D., 2004.*

[Signature of Kathleen Babineaux Blanco]
Governor of Louisiana